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The standards are complete with a glossary added. Mark put a lot of time and effort into them and did a great job! We have sent them out with minimal feedback so we are counting them as done until we have a pilot to test them with. Mark will be presenting them at the WA-Trans partners meeting in March for feedback.

We have completed the Translator requirements. I am sending them out but we won't discuss them at the meeting. If there are any changes to be made we will handle that through e-mail. I will be using the document to develop the Request for Proposal for buying/customizing or building the Translator.

Paula Hammond, the WSDOT Chief of Staff has agreed to be the project executive sponsor at WSDOT! That is good news because she is just below the Secretary of Transportation and has credibility and is a very helpful person.

Mark is beginning to work on return on investment and cost benefit analysis. The return on investment calculation will be based on work done by the USGS for return on investment for The National Map. Mark has already contacted the authors of the work and gotten details of how they did it. He is also in contact with two different business areas at WSDOT to do small cost benefit studies to justify WSDOT sponsorship and long-term funding of WA-Trans.

Mark is also going to be changing the website fairly significantly. When we are ready for feedback we will be sending you information and ask you to make sure it is working properly on different browsers (Jerry!) and all the links are correct and working.

I have been working on a final Pooled Research Proposal and am done, with the exception of Oregon's numbers for Columbia and Multnomah Counties. I do still need to speak with people from Clark and Cowlitz Counties about participating. When the proposal is ready for distribution I will share it with you.

I spoke about WA-Trans to Electronic Collision Records subcommittee. They are working on development of a new system for managing electronic collision records. Attendees included Washington State Patrol Officers, as well as many others. I think it was a good opportunity to share with groups who haven't yet heard about WA-Trans.

I am finishing up the Charter for the Puget Sound pilot. I will be meeting with people at the Office of Information Technology at WSDOT in preparation of meeting with the Department of Information Services about the project. Any IT project that involves a lot of different organizations requires DIS oversight. So I am starting that process.

Our next meeting is April 25 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Seattle at the WSDOT NW Region HQ on 15700 Dayton Ave. North in Shoreline. Video-conferencing will be available. It

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is possible that the meeting location will be at the Microsoft Campus, but unless I tell you otherwise, expect it at NW Region HQ.